A *Paper* sent forth into the World, from them that are scornfully called QUAKERS.

Declaring the Grounds and Reasons, Why they deny the Teachers of the Word, (who professe themselves to be Ministers) and dissent from them.

FIrst, They are such Shepherds that seek for their gain from their quarters, & can never have enough, which the Lord sent *Isaiah* to cry out against, who bid all come freely without money, and without price, and was not hired, but spake freely; and these make merchandize and a trade of words, and therefore we cry out against them and deny them, *Isai.* 56. 11. & 54. 1.

They are such Shepherds that seek after the fleece, and cloath with the wool, and feed with the fat, which the Lord sent *Ezekiel* to cry woe against; who made a prey upon us; and the Lord said, he would gather his sheep from their mouthes, and that we should be a prey to them no longer; and we do witness the promise of the Lord fulfilled; and therefore we deny them; *Ezekiel* 54. 34.

They are such Priests as bear rule by their means, which was a horrible and filthy thing commited in the Land, which the Lord sent Jeremiah to cry out against; while we had eyes and did not see, we held up such Priests, but the Lord hath opened our eyes, and we see them now in the same estate that they were in which *Jeremiah* cryed out against, who did not bear rule by his means, and therefore we deny them, *Jer.* 5. 31.

They are such Prophets and Priests, that divine for money, and preach for hire, which the Lord sent *Micah* to cry against, and whilest we put into their mouths, they preached peace to us; but now we do not put into their mouths, they prepare war against us, and therefore we deny them, *Micah* 3. 11.

They are such as are called of men Masters, and call men Masters, and have the chiefest place in the Assemblies, and stand praying in the Synagogues, and lay heavy burthens upon the people, which Jesus Christ cryed no against, and bid his Disciples not to be so, Be ye not called of men Masters, for one is your Master, even Christ, and ye are all Brethren, so wee do

do witness Jesus Christ our Master, and see them to be in the steps of the *Pharisees*, and therefore we deny them, *Mat.* 3. 10. *Mat.* 20. 3.

They are such Teachers, that with feigned words, and through covetousness, made merchandize of us, and do upon the people; who by oppression maintain themselves and Wives in pride and idleness; in Hoods, Veils, and changeable suits of Apparell; who go in the way of *Cain*, to envy, murder, and persecute; and after the error of *Balaam*, who loved the wages of Unrighteousness, following after gifts and rewards; which the Apostle cryed against, and therefore we deny them, 2 *Pet.* 2. *Jude* 11.

They are such Teachers that have told us, the Steeple-house hath been the Church; whenas the Scripture saith, the Church is in God, and therefore we deny them. *Thess.* 1. 1.

They are such Teachers as have told us, the Letter was the Word, whenas the Letter saith, God is the word, therefore we deny them, *John* 1. 1.

They are such Teachers as have told us, the Letter was the Light, whenas the Letter saith, *Christ is the Light*, therefore we deny them, *John* 1. 1. 9. and 8. 8.

They are such Teachers as sprinckle Infants, calling it an Ordinance of Christ, and baptizing into the Faith, into the Church, whenas the Scripture saith no such thing, and therefore we deny them; but the baptism by one Spirit into one body we own, 1 *Cor.* 12. 13.

They are such Teachers as tell people of a Sacrament, for which there is not one Scripture, and so feed the people with their own inventions, and therefore we deny them, but the Table and Supper of the Lord we own 1 *Cor.* 11.

They are such Teachers as tell people, that *Matthew*, *Mark*, *Luke*, and *John*, is the Gospel, which are but the Letter. The Lamb of God which takes away the sins of the world, is glad tydings to poore Captives: glad tydings were promised before the Letter was written, *the seed of the woman shall bruise the Serpents head*; and *he shall be a light unto the Gentiles*. The Letter is a Declaration of the Gospell; and many have the Letter, but not Christ, but we having received the Gospel, know them to be no Ministers of it, and therefore we deny them, *Gen.* 3. 15. *Luke* 1. 1.

They are such Ministers as go to *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, and call them the Well-heads of Divinity, and so deny the Fountain of living mercies; and there they study, and read books, and old Authors, and furnish themselves with Philosophy, and fine words, and other mens matter; and when they come again they sell it to poor people, whenas the Apostle saith, he was not made a Minister by the will of man, and that the Gospell which he preached was not of man, nor had he received it from man, neither was he taught it; and denyed all his learning which he had got by the will of man at the feet of *Gamaliel*. And so finding them in the will of man, preaching by the will of man, we cannot but deny them. Gal. 1.

They are such Teachers that tell people that Hebrew and Greek is the Originals, whenas the Apostle spake in the Hebrew tongue to the Hebrews who heard him in their own language, and see persecuted him: and the *Greeks*, who had the Gospel in their own tongues, said, *The cross of christ was foolishness*; these who had the Scriptures, in their own languages were

as ignorant of the life of them as our naturall Priests, who spend so much time in learning a naturall language, to finde out what those meant that spoke forth the Scripture? who make poor people believe that to know a naturall tongue is the meane to understand the Originall; the word which is the Original, was before all languages were, the word was in the beginning, which word was made manifest in all the children of God, who spoke forth the Scripture: holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the holy Ghost. Now all ye learned ones, where is your Originall? here you and your Originall is razed out from the word, which is the Originall which the Apostles preached amongst the *Hebrews* and *Greeks*, which was before tongues were, and your Orignal, which wil break all your tongus and Originall, to pieces. *Pilate* had your Originall, of *Hebrew*, *Greek* and *Latine*, who crucified Christ: he that draws back into many languages, as into *Hebrew* and *Greek* draws back into the naturalls, and so draws into confusion: but the Ministers of God who preach the everlasting Gospel which endures for ever, draw up into our language; and so the Priests and all that trade into naturall languages we utterly deny, *Act.* 22. 1 *Cor.* 1, 13. *Iohn.* 19. 20.

They are such Teachers as have told us, that the Steeple-house is the Temple, when as the Apostle said, *Your bodies are the Temple of the holy Ghost*; and *Stephen* wrs stoned to death for witnessing against the Temple, who said, *God that made the world dwels not in Temples made with hands*; and here finding them in the generation that hold up the Figures, and deny the substance, and to bee ignorant of that Spirit that gave forth the Scriptures, we cannot but deny them, 1. Cor. 6. 19. *Act.* 7.

They are such Priests that take tythes, the tenth of mens labours, and estates; and those that will not give them, they sue at the Law, and hale before Courts and Sessions, yea, even those they call their owne people, their own Parishioners: *Levi* according to the Law received Tythes, and he had a command to set open his gates, that the strangers and the fatherless should come within his gates, and be satisfied and filled; but wee finde none more pitiless of the Fatherless and Widdows than they, and the strangers they complain against to Justices, and persecute, (though they neither seek to them nor others, for any outward thing) as wanderers, and here they walk contrary to the old Law: and the Apostle in his Epistle to the *Hebrews* said; The Priesthood being changed, there must of necessity also be a change of the Law, and we witness both the Priesthood and the Law changed; but they that take Tythes, and they that pay Tythes, according to the old Covenant, deny Jesus Christ the everlasting Priesthood to be come in the flesh, and here these Priests shew themselves to be Antichrist, that are entred into the world, and oppress the Creation, whenas Jesus Christ said, *Freely ye have received, freely give*: And the Apostle said, Was there a wise man amongst them that went to Law one with another: Here they are evill examples to the people, to sue, wrangle and contend, and walk out of the steps of Christ, and all the holy men of God; yea, they exceed all the false Prophets in wickedness, for we do not read that ever any of them sued men at the Law, and therefore we cannot but utterly deny them, *Deut.* 14, 29. *Heb.* 7, 12.

They are such Priests as besides their Tythe of corn, hay, beast, sheep, hens,

pigs, geese, eggs, cheries, plumbs; take 10 s. for preaching a Funerall Sermon, more or less, as they can get it, and 10 s. for the death of a man, and money out of Servants wages, and money for smoke passing up the Chimneys and Easter-Reckonings, and Midsummer-dues, and money for Churching of women, and thus by every device get money, and burthen poor people that labour very hard, and can scarce get food and rayment, to maintain them in idleness and pride: These are they that have hearts exercised with covetousness, burthening the truth, and making the free Gospel chargeable; if the Apostle were here, he would be ashamed of them, and so are we, and therefore turn from them, and deny them, 2 *Pet.* 2. 3.

They are such Priests as not onely take Tythes, and money for many other things of their own hearts, and sue them at the Law for it; but they take money of them they do no work for, but only rail against them, and say, they that wait at the Altar are partakers with the Altar, but live of them who are not of the Altar, and say, The Labourer is worthy of his hire, but take wages of them that have not hired them, and if they wil not give it them cast them into prison, or take their goods by Justices Warrants; these are they that Christ cryed woe against, who lay heavy burthens upon the people, who oppress tender consciences, that own the everlasting high Priest; where do they finde any of the Ministers of Christ, bargaining for so much a yeer? here they abide not in the Doctrine of Christ, but are hirelings, and therefore we deny them, *Mat.* 23. 2.

They are such Preachers as have told us, They have been gifted men, and we find in the Scriptures, that the gift of God is free, and not to be bought and sold for money, and Job said, Wisdome is not to be purchased for money nor gold, but they will not sell their gift under 200 l. 100 l. 80 l. or 50 l. a yeer, more or less, as they can get it, here we finde they have not received the gift of God, but are like *Simon Magus*, and therefore we deny them, *Act.* 8. 20. *Job* 28

They are *Babylons* Merchants, that make a trade of the Scriptures, and the Saints conditions, which the Prophets and Apostles spoke forth freely without money, and without price, and bad all come freely. How many hundred thousand pounds in England is gained by the Scripture, and humane Authors joyned to it? Where is there a more profitable trade? Here they make the Scriptures their cloak and colour to get money by, and so make an Idol of it, and if any come to witness it fulfilled, as it was in them that gave it forth, they cry out to the Magistrates against them as blasphemers, and deceivers: And if they answer, He that administers spirituall things, ought to reap Carnals, let him consider the Apostle wrote not that to the world, but to those that they had gathered out of the world, to whom the ends of the world were come, and let them gather people out of the world and then they shall not need to bargain with them for things of the world, but their trading is with the world, and therefore we deny them; *Isai.* 55. 1.

They are such Preachers as take a Text out of the Saints conditions, and take a weeks time to study what they can raise out of it, adding to it their own Wisdom, Inventions, Imaginations, and heathenish Authors, and

and then on the first day of the week go amongst the people, having an hour-glass to limit themselves by, and say, Hear the word of the Lord; and for money tell people what they have scraped together.

These are they that speak a divination of their own heart, and not from the mouth of the Lord, which the Lord sent *Ieremiah* to cry out against, *Ier.*23.

These are they that use their tongues, and say, *The Lord saith*, whenas the Scriptures say so, and the Lord never spake to them, *Ier.*23.30.

These are they of whom the Lord speaks, I *am against all such as steale my word, every one from his neighbour*: and so we are against all such as *Ieremiah* was sent to cry woe against, the Pastors that now steale the words of the Prophets of Christ, and the Apostles, the Lord hath shaken his hand at their dishonest gain, and to them belong the Plagues that are written in the book they make a Trade on, for adding to it their own inventions, therefore do we come out from amongst them, and deny them. *Ier.*23.31.

These are they of whom the Apostle speaks, *That creep into houses, leading silly women captive, which are led away with diverse lusts, which be ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth*, though some have learned fifty, sixty, or seventy years, covetous, proud, high-minded, self-willed, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, who have gotten a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof, from which the Apostle bad turn away; and so do we, 2 *Tim.*3.6.

They are such Teachers that gave us, and give people *Davids* conditions in Meeter, and when we had no understanding, we sung after them, as ignorant people do now, his tremblings, his quakings, his weepings, fastings, Prayers, and Prophesies; and when we sung we put off our Hats, and when they read them, we kept them on, and so they caused us to worship the works of their own hands; here they shew the spirit of error, making wicked people to sing, *O Lord I am not puft in minde, I have no scornfull eye, I do not exercise my selfe in things that be to high*: when they are puft in minde, and have scornfull eyes, and do exercise themselves in things that be too high, and are full of Filth, Pride, and Loftiness, and can scarce look at one another: here they make poore people to offer a Sacrifice of lyes, and make them Hypocrites, deceiving themselves, saying what they are not; but the singing with the spirit, and understanding, we own: and therefore the Priests that sing without understanding, we deny. 1 *Cor.* 14.15.

They are such Teachers as deny the conditions that the Saints witnessed, *viz.* trembling and quaking, whenas we finde the Holy men of God that gave forth the Scriptures, witnessed such things. *Moses*, who was Judge over all Israel, feared, quaked, and trembled exceedingly: and the Son of man was to eat his bread with quaking: and *Daniel*, the man of God, trembled and was astonished: and *Ieremiah*, the Prophet of the Lord, *reeled to and fro like a Drunken man, and all his bones did shake*: and *David* who was King, trembled and quaked: and *Ephraim* when he trembled was exalted in Israel: and *Habbakkuk*, who was a Prophet, trembled, *his belly shook, his lips quivered*: and *Isaac* in whom the seed was called, trem-

tremble exceedingly, and *Paul* a Minister of Christ Trembled; but they make a scorn of trembling and quaking; and shew themselves ignorant and strangers to the Life and Power of God, as their Generation ever was, who still made a Scorn and Reproach of the Holy men of God, that trembled and quaked; but the seed of God, and the Prophets, and the servants of the Lord we own, and their conditions we witness, and therefore all the Priests, and them that deny the Holy men of God, we utterly deny, Hebrews 12. 21. Ezekiel 12. 18. Daniel 12. 10. Jeremiah 23. 9. *Psalm* 119. 120. Hosea 13. 1. Habbakkuk 3. 16. Acts 9. 6. Genesis 27. 33.

They are such Teachers as tell the people, that Christ hath not enlightned every one that comes into the World, whenas Christ saith, He doth enlighten every one that comes into the world; and here they go about to make Christ a Lyar, and *John Baptist* a False Prophet, and deny the Scriptures; and they say, God hath not given every one a measure according to his ability, whenas Christ saith, He hath done it. Christ is the Light of the World, and by him the world was made, and he came into the World, and the world received him not: it is so now, Light shines in Darkness, and the Darkness comprehends it not, and this is the condemnation, that Light is come into the World: the one he loves the Light, and brings his deeds to it, that they may be made manifest: and walk in it, there is no occasion of stumbling in him; the other he hates the Light, because his deeds are evill, and this is the condemnation; and we witness the Light wherewith Christ hath enlightned every one that comes into the world, and in obedience to the Light, he is become our Master, our Teacher: And all who stumble at the Light, and deny it, are ignorant of the foundation-stone, and know not the first principle, but are shut out from knowing any thing of God, and therefore the Priests and all their followers we deny, John 1. 9. and 3. 19, 20. Mat. 25. 15.

They are such Teachers as walk out of the Doctrine of the Apostle, and practise of all the churches. *Paul* saith, If any thing be revealed to him that sits by, let the first hold his peace, for all may prophesie one by one, that God in all things may be glorified, and you edified; and the spirits of the Prophets are subject to the Prophets; and God is the author of peace, and not of confusion; and this was in all the churches of the Saints. But now if any man come among them while they are speaking, or when they have done, and be moved to speak any thing, them of their church, the rude multitude, fall upon him with staves, fists, and punches, and knocks him down with stones, shewing themselves to be of that Generation that stoned *Stephen* to death; and the Priests call to the Officers to take him to the stocks, and to carry him before the Magistrate, and from thence he is sent to prison, and called a disturber of the peace. Here they shew themselves to be no Ministers of Christ, and their assembly to be no church, but in confusion, for that which was order amongst the Saints, is disorder amongst them; the church of Christ was never fighters, nor quarrellers, nor stoners, such churches are the fruits of the Ministry of ENGLAND, who were made by the wil of man, and never sent of Christ, and therefore they do not profit the people at all, but are persecutors of the Messengers

sengers of Christ, and therefore we deny them, 1 Cor. 14. 32, 33. Acts 7. Vers. 23, 32.

They are such Teachers as have told us, we should never be made free from Sin while we are upon earth, when as the Apostle saith, They were made free from Sin, he thanks God, and had put off the body of sin; so we find they had told us lyes contrary to the Scripture, and the Apostle saith, While we were Servants of Sin we were free from righteousness; so in that state we find them, and therefore we deny them. And they have told us, none shall ever bee sanctifyed, nor the body of sin destroyed, nor cleansed from sinne while they are upon the earth, when as the Apostle said, They were sanctified, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sinne; and the Ministers of God said, they reigned as Kings, and here they deny the Scriptures, and therefore we deny them. And they deny the begotten Son of God which sinneth not, and calleth it blasphemy for any to witness that born which sins not, when the Scripture saith, He that is born of God sinneth not, neither can he sin, because he is born of God, and the seed of God remains in him; and he that commits sin is of the Devill, and hereby are the children of God made manifest, and the children of the devil; and as he is, so are we in this present world, and a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; if the root be holy, so are the branches, and one Fountain cannot send forth sweet water and bitter: He that can receive it, let him: but the chief Priests, and Elders, and Pharisees, and Seducers, and Rulers at this stumbled then, and so they stumble now at the Light, from whence these words were given forth, which doth enlighten every one that comes into the world, and therefore we deny them, Romans 6. 18. and 6. 6. Romans 8. 10. 1 Cor. 6. 11. 1 John 1. 7. 1 John 3. 6. 9, 10. 1 John 4. 17.

And they are such Teachers that have told us, none shall ever be perfect while they are upon the earth, when as *Christ* saith, Be ye Perfect as your Father which is in heaven is perfect: And the Apostle saith, By one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified, and the Ministery of *Christ* is for the perfecting of the Saints, till they all come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, to a perfect man. Here we find them to deny the Scriptures, and the everlasting offering, and all such we cannot but deny, and we witness the everlasting offering, which perfects for ever them that are sanctified: Praises to the Lord for ever, who hath sent forth his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, to condemn sin in the flesh, that in him we might be made the righteousness of God, and all that deny perfection, and sanctification, deny this offering, and the gift of God, which is perfect, and the Ministery of God, which is for perfecting the body, and such Ministers are not members of the body, nor can present any man perfect in Christ Jesus, and therefore we deny them, *Mat.* 5. 1. *Heb.* 10. 14. *Eph.* 4. 12, 13. 2 *Cor.* 5. *James* 1. 17.

They are such Teachers as deny the everlasting covenant, and the annoynting; for if any come to witness that they are taught of God, and that he hath written his Law in their hearts, and put his Spirit within them, and that none need say to their neighbour, know the Lord; then they cry out to the Magistrates,

strates and ignorant people, These are the deceivers and false Prophets, that shall come in the last times, they deny the means, and when any witness that they have received an unction from the holy one, and need not that any man teach them, but as the annointing teacheth them of all things; then they cry out, These are seducers and seduced: and so here they deny the Covenant of God, and the promise of God, and shew themselves to be the great seducers, that draw from the annoynting; and finding their Spirits contrary to the Scriptures, we cannot but deny them; *Ier.* 31. 33. *Heb.* 11. 8. 1 *Ioh.* 2. 20. 27.

They are such Teachers that say Revelations are ceased, and deny Revelations, and so deny the Son; *For no man knows the Father, but he to whom the Son reveals him; and no man knows the things of God, but the Spirit of God, and he to whom the Spirit reveals them*: And the Apostle said, *It pleased the Father to reveal his Son in him*: And so he that denies Revelations, denies both the Father, and the Son, and the Spirit: These are the Priests who talk of Religion, and have gotten a form to trade with, and have received things by tradition, but are ignorant of God, and of the Spirit, by which all the Saints were ever guided, and therefore we deny them, *Mat.* 11. 27. 1 *Cor.* 2. 11. *Gall.* 1. 16. *Phil.* 3. 15.

Therefore all people, consider what you do, and hold up, and worship, for the worship is but one, and the word is but one, and the Baptism is but one, and the Church is but one, and the way is but one, and the light is but one, and the power is but one, but they that are without have many teachers, many ways, many opinions, and judgements, and many Sects; but we have but one Priest which is over the household of God, and therefore are all of one heart and soul.

Moved of the Lord, written from the Spirit of the Lord, for the clensing of the Land of all false Teachers, seducers and deceivers, and witches, who beguile the people, and inchanters, and diviners and Sorcerers, and hirelings, and that is for the good of all people that fear the Lord, and own Jesus Christ to be their teacher.

From them whom the world scornfully calls *Quakers*, but quaking and trembling we own, else we should deny the Scriptures, and the holy men of God, but the Scriptures we own, and the holy men of God; therefore wee deny all who deny quaking.

If you say, these things are frivolous things, which you have taught us, then we have been taught frivolous things all this while; but we finde all these things frivolous things, wind and air, and therefore we deny them.

All people that read these things, never come yee more at the Steeple-house, nor pay your Priests more Tythes, till they have answered them, for if ye do, yee uphold them in their sins, and must partake of their plagues.

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